

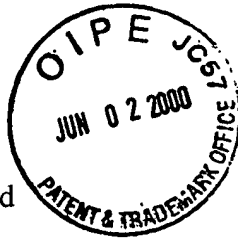
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Docket No. 1090-019

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of)
Luneau, David J.)
Serial No. To be Assigned)
Filed: March 14, 2000)
For: CALLING PARTY ANNOUNCEMENT)
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PETITION UNDER §1.181

Applicant hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R. §1.181 that filing date of March 14, 2000 be granted to above-identification application.

FACTS

- 1) On March 10, 2000, applicant received notice that U.S. Patent No. 6,038,443 would issue on March 14, 2000. Exhibit A
- 2) At the request of the applicant, a continuing application was filed on March 14, 2000. This application properly referenced the '443 patent application as the parent. No filing fee was included but the name of the inventor was provided. This application was inadvertently identified as a "continued prosecution application CPA" rather than a "continuation" application which was clearly intended. Exhibit B
- 3) The application was sent via express mail, Exhibit C, and the return postcard indicates that the application was date stamped as March 14, 2000. Exhibit D.
- 4.) On April 10, 2000, the applicant received a Notice, dated April 7, 2000, that this application would not be granted the March 14, 2000 filing date. Exhibit E.

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ARGUMENT

As held in *Transco Products Inc. v. Performance Contracting*, 32 USPQ2d 1077 (Fed. Cir. 1994), it is well established law that the various terms for continuing

applications are merely terms of administrative convenience and the bottom line is that, no matter what term is used to describe a continuing application, that application is entitled to benefit of the filing date of an earlier application as to common subject matter. The subject matter and the inventorship of this application are identical to the '433 patent.

It is also well established law that the entire '443 patent may be incorporated by reference, thereby providing a complete written description, claims, and drawings. See, MPEP 608.01(p)(B). Mr. Luneau was also named as the inventor in both applications. Therefore, this application was complete as required under 1.53(b) and should have been accorded the March 14, 2000 filing date, despite the inadvertent use of the term "CPA".

In light of the above, the applicant respectfully requests that the decision in the Notice dated April 4, 2000 be reversed and the filing date of March 14, 2000 be granted the above-referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) request deposited on _____ is improper under 37 CFR 1.53(d) and has not been granted a filing date for reason(s) indicated below:

Any assertions that the above-mentioned CPA request is proper under 37 CFR 1.53(d) must be by way of petition directed to the attention of the Office of Petitions. Any such petition must be accompanied by the \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(i)). If the petition alleges that no defect exists, a request for refund of the petition fee may be included in the petition.

A petition under 37 CFR 1.53(e) as discussed above must be submitted within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this notice (37 CFR 1.181(f)). **THIS TIME LIMIT MAY NOT BE EXTENDED PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.136.** Failure to timely file a petition under 37 CFR 1.53(e) will result in the CPA request being retained in the file of the prior application but treated as never having been filed, in which case applicant may request a refund of the CPA filing fee (if submitted) less the \$130.00 handling fee (37 CFR 1.21(n)).

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- ☐ 5. OTHER: _____

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Docket No. 1090-006
Express Mail No. EL384499714US

CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION REQUEST TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of David J. Luneau for:
CALLING PARTY ANNOUNCEMENT APPARATUS. This application is a continued
prosecution application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/660,814, filed June 10,
1996.

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Fee Calculations:
Regular application – small entity
Total Claims – 0 Extra
Independent Claims – 0 Extra
Multiple Dependant Claims – None

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The application is being filed without the filing fee. In that the specification, claims and
name of the actual inventors has been provided, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53 (b), the
enclosed application should be accorded to the Express Mail Certificate date under 37
C.F.R. §1.10(c).

Respectfully submitted,

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Exhibit B

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Exhibit C

Exhibit D

Attorney Docket No. 100-006 Client 100-006
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The Patent & Trademark Office acknowledges and has stamped hereon the date of receipt of the items listed below concerning the following:
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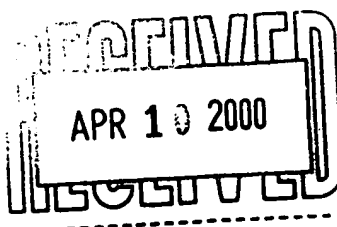
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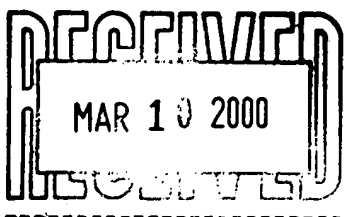


Exhibit A